

Math 2010 Week 12

Lagrange Multipliers

Q When does f have global extrema subject to constraint $g=c$?

A sufficient condition:

- The level set $S = \{g=c\}$ is closed and bounded
- f is continuous on S

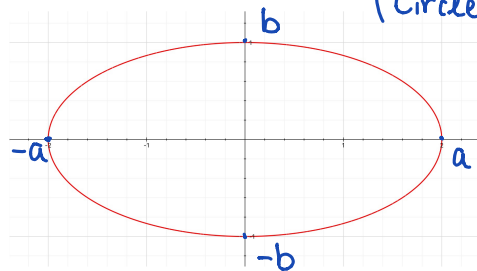
By EVT, f has global extrema on S .

Quadratic Constraint for 2-variable (Conic Section)

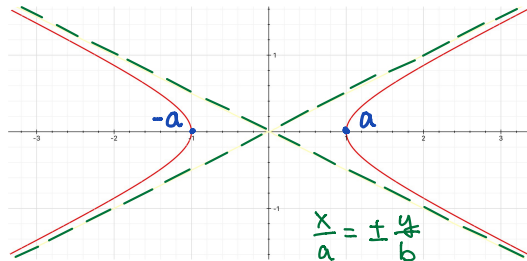
$$g(x,y) = Ax^2 + 2Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F$$

Some typical examples of $g=c$:

(i) $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, a,b > 0$ (Ellipse
Circle if $a=b$)

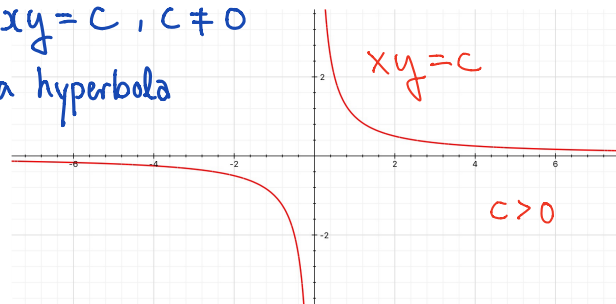


(ii) $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, a,b > 0$ (Hyperbola)

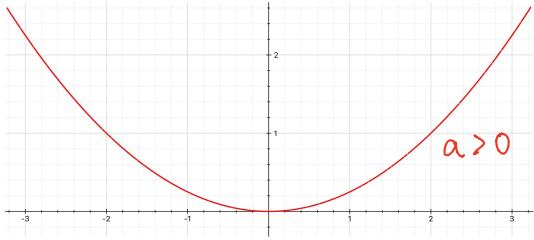


Rmk $xy=c, c \neq 0$

also a hyperbola



(iii) $y = ax^2$, $a \neq 0$ (Parabola)
 (only 1 quadratic term)



(iv) Degenerate Cases

• $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 0 \rightsquigarrow$ a point $(0,0)$

• $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = -1 \rightsquigarrow$ empty set

• $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 0 \rightsquigarrow \frac{x}{a} = \pm \frac{y}{b}$

a pair of intersecting lines

• $x^2 = c \rightsquigarrow x = \pm \sqrt{c}$

a pair of parallel lines (double line if $c=0$)

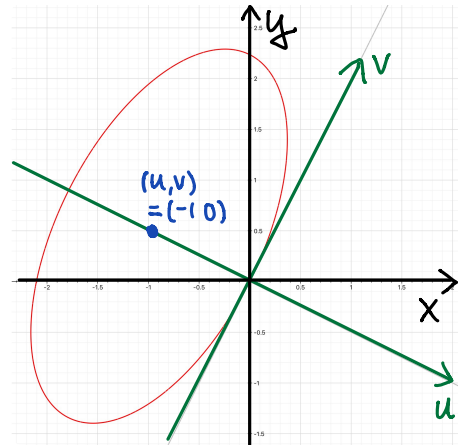
Fact By a change of coordinates,

any quadratic constraint $g(x,y) = c$ can be transformed to one of the forms above:

\Rightarrow Ellipse, Hyperbola, Parabola, Degenerate

eg $17x^2 - 12xy + 8y^2 + 16\sqrt{5}x - 8\sqrt{5}y = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(u+1)^2}{1^2} + \frac{v^2}{2^2} = 1$, where $u = \frac{2x-y}{\sqrt{5}}$ $v = \frac{x+2y}{\sqrt{5}}$



Rmk In the last example, u and v are chosen so that the u -axis \perp v -axis.

Such u and v can be found using theory of symmetric matrices in linear algebra

Among the non-degenerate quadratic constraints above, only ellipse is closed and bounded.

Any continuous $f(x,y)$ restricted to an ellipse has both global max/min

It is not true for hyperbola and parabola:

A continuous $f(x,y)$ restricted to a hyperbola or parabola may not have global max/min.

Quadratic Constraint for 3-variable

$$g(x,y,z) = Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + 2Pxy + 2Qyz + 2Rzx + Dx + Ey + Fz + G$$

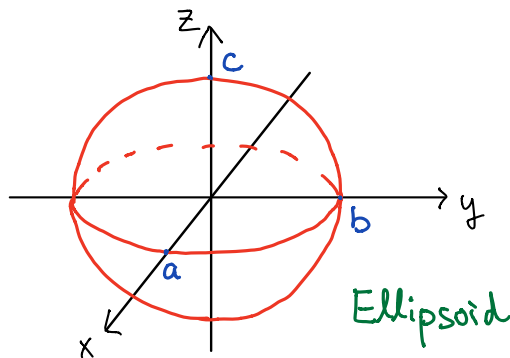
Some typical examples of $g=c$

- $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1, a, b, c > 0$

How to graph it?

$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ is a unit sphere

} Rescale in each coordinate direction



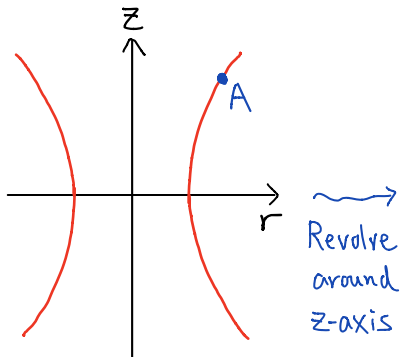
• Graph $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$

Up to rescaling, can assume $a=b=c=1$

$\leadsto x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$

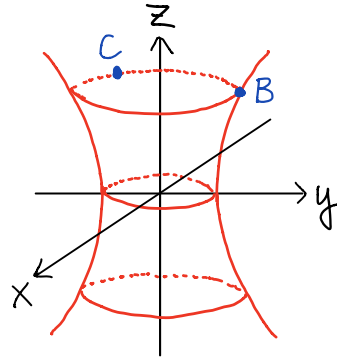
Let $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

= distance from (x, y, z) to z -axis



$r^2 - z^2 = 1$ (*)

Hyperbola



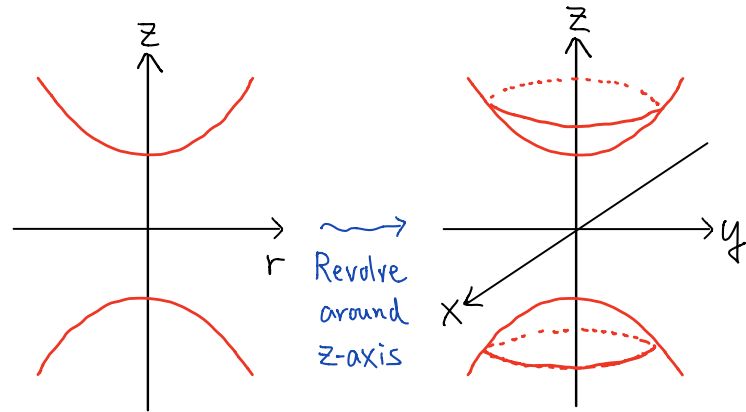
$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$ (**)

Hyperboloid of 1 sheet

Rmk $A = (r, z) = (5, \sqrt{24})$ on (*)

$\Rightarrow B = (0, 5, \sqrt{24}), C = (-3, -4, \sqrt{24})$ on (**)

• $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = -1$



$r^2 - z^2 = -1$

Hyperbola

$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = -1$

Hyperboloid of 2 sheets

Ex Graph

• $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0$ (Elliptical cone)

• $z = x^2 + y^2$ (Elliptical Paraboloid)

• $z = x^2 - y^2$ (Hyperbolic Paraboloid)

Graphs of standard quadratic surfaces

Source: philschatz.com

Characteristics of Common Quadric Surfaces

Ellipsoid

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

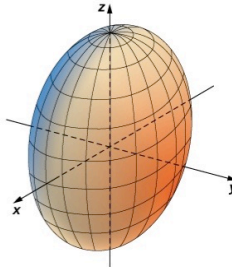
Traces

In plane $z = p$: an ellipse

In plane $y = q$: an ellipse

In plane $x = r$: an ellipse

If $a = b = c$, then this surface is a sphere.



Characteristics of Common Quadric Surfaces

Elliptic Cone

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 0$$

Traces

In plane $z = p$: an ellipse

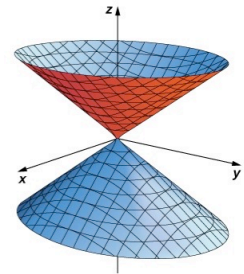
In plane $y = q$: a hyperbola

In plane $x = r$: a hyperbola

In the xz -plane: a pair of lines that intersect at the origin

In the yz -plane: a pair of lines that intersect at the origin

The axis of the surface corresponds to the variable with a negative coefficient. The traces in the coordinate planes parallel to the axis are intersecting lines.



Hyperboloid of One Sheet

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

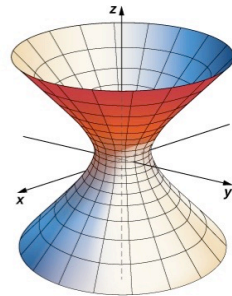
Traces

In plane $z = p$: an ellipse

In plane $y = q$: a hyperbola

In plane $x = r$: a hyperbola

In the equation for this surface, two of the variables have positive coefficients and one has a negative coefficient. The axis of the surface corresponds to the variable with the negative coefficient.



Elliptic Paraboloid

$$z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$$

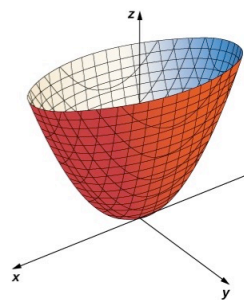
Traces

In plane $z = p$: an ellipse

In plane $y = q$: a parabola

In plane $x = r$: a parabola

The axis of the surface corresponds to the linear variable.



Hyperboloid of Two Sheets

$$\frac{z^2}{c^2} - \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

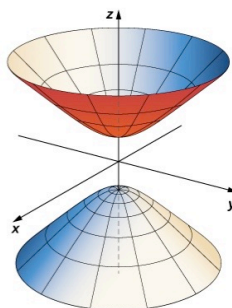
Traces

In plane $z = p$: an ellipse or the empty set (no trace)

In plane $y = q$: a hyperbola

In plane $x = r$: a parabola

In the equation for this surface, two of the variables have negative coefficients and one has a positive coefficient. The axis of the surface corresponds to the variable with a positive coefficient. The surface does not intersect the coordinate plane perpendicular to the axis.



Hyperbolic Paraboloid

$$z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}$$

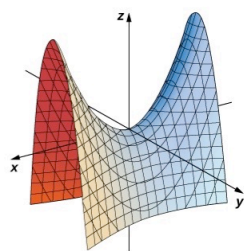
Traces

In plane $z = p$: a hyperbola

In plane $y = q$: a parabola

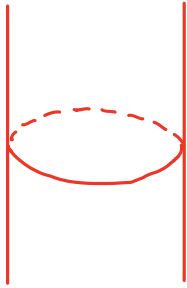
In plane $x = r$: a parabola

The axis of the surface corresponds to the linear variable.



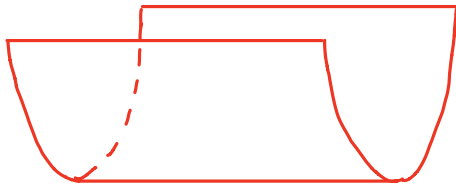
Besides the standard non-degenerate cases above, there are also degenerate cases, including cylinders of conic sections

eg



$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

Cylinder of Ellipse



$$z = x^2$$

Cylinder of parabola

Similar to the case of 2-variable :

Any quadratic constraint $g(x,y,z) = c$ can be transformed to one of the standard forms by a change of coordinates.

Among the cases above, only ellipsoid is closed and bounded.

Any continuous $f(x,y,z)$ restricted to an ellipsoid has both global max/min

It is not the case for other quadratic surfaces.

Back to finding max/min under constraint.

eg Find the point on the ellipse

$$x^2 + xy + y^2 = 9 \quad \uparrow \text{(Ex: Why?)}$$

with maximum x-coordinate

Sol Let $f(x,y) = x$

$$g(x,y) = x^2 + xy + y^2$$

Maximize f under constraint $g = 9$

The ellipse $g = 9$ is closed and bounded.

f is continuous. By EVT, max. exists.

$$\nabla f = [1 \ 0]$$

$$\nabla g = [2x + y \ x + 2y]$$

Note $\nabla g = [0 \ 0] \Leftrightarrow (x,y) = (0,0)$

$(0,0)$ is not on the ellipse.

Use Lagrange Multipliers,

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \\ g = 9 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 = \lambda(2x + y) \dots \textcircled{i} \\ 0 = \lambda(x + 2y) \dots \textcircled{ii} \\ x^2 + xy + y^2 = 9 \dots \textcircled{iii} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{i} \Rightarrow \lambda \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \textcircled{ii} \Rightarrow x + 2y = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2y \dots \textcircled{iv}$$

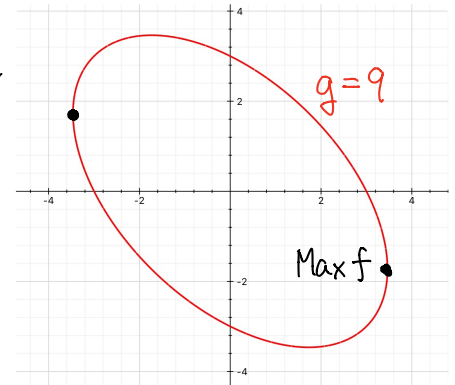
Put \textcircled{iv} into \textcircled{iii} ,

$$(-2y)^2 + (-2y)y + y^2 = 9 \Rightarrow 3y^2 = 9, y = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

By \textcircled{iv} , $(x,y) = (-2\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3})$ or $(2\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3})$

Comparing x-coordinates,

Answer is $(2\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3})$



eg Find the point(s) on the hyperboloid $xy - yz - zx = 3$ closest to the origin.

Rmk Standard argument can be used to show closest point(s) exist.

However, the hyperboloid is unbounded \Rightarrow farthest point does not exist.

Sol

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } f(x,y,z) &= \|(x,y,z) - (0,0,0)\|^2 \\ &= x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \end{aligned}$$

Minimize f under constraint

$$g(x,y,z) = xy - yz - zx = 3$$

$$\nabla f = [2x \ 2y \ 2z] \quad \nabla g = [y-z \ x-z \ -x-y]$$

Note $\nabla g \neq [0,0,0]$ on $g=3$

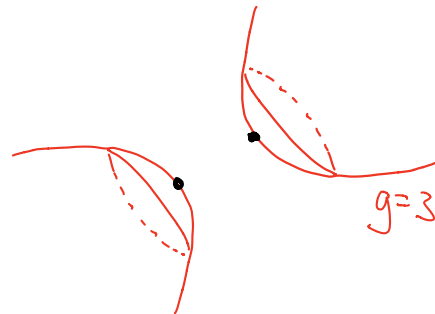
Use Lagrange Multipliers,

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda \nabla g \\ g = 3 \end{cases} \iff \begin{matrix} (x,y,z) = \pm(1,1,-1) \\ \lambda = 1 \end{matrix} \quad (\text{Ex})$$

$$\text{Note } f(1,1,-1) = f(-1,-1,1) = 3$$

\therefore Closest points are $\pm(1,1,-1)$

Corresponding distance $= \sqrt{3}$



Lagrange Multipliers with multiple constraints

Let f, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k be C^1 functions on $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

$$S = \{x \in \Omega : g_i(x) = c_i, i=1, \dots, k\}$$

Suppose

- ① a is a local extremum of f on S
- ② $\nabla g_1(a), \dots, \nabla g_k(a)$ are linearly independent

Then

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f(a) = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \nabla g_i(a) \text{ for some } \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{R} \\ g_i(a) = c_i \text{ for } i=1, \dots, k \end{cases}$$

eg Maximize $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2y - z^2$

on the line $L = \begin{cases} 2x - y = 0 \\ y + z = 0 \end{cases}$ in \mathbb{R}^3

It is given that f has maximum on L

Sol Let $g_1(x, y, z) = 2x - y$

$$g_2(x, y, z) = y + z$$

$$\nabla f = [2x \quad 2 \quad -2z]$$

$$\nabla g_1 = [2 \quad -1 \quad 0] \leftarrow \text{linearly}$$

$$\nabla g_2 = [0 \quad 1 \quad 1] \leftarrow \text{independent}$$

Use Lagrange Multipliers

$$\begin{cases} \nabla f = \lambda_1 \nabla g_1 + \lambda_2 \nabla g_2 \\ g_1 = 0 \\ g_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\begin{cases} 2x = 2\lambda_1 + 0\lambda_2 \dots \textcircled{1} \\ 2 = -\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \dots \textcircled{2} \\ -2z = 0\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \dots \textcircled{3} \\ 2x - y = 0 \dots \textcircled{4} \\ y + z = 0 \dots \textcircled{5} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{4}, \textcircled{5} \Rightarrow 2x = y = -z$$

$$\textcircled{1}, \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = x \quad \lambda_2 = -2z$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow -x - 2z = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -x + 4x = 2 \Rightarrow x = \frac{2}{3}$$

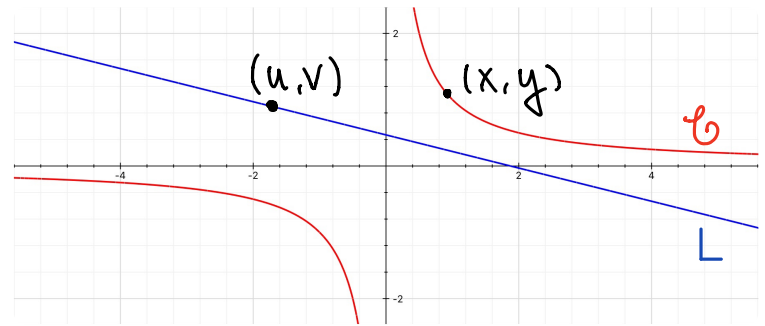
$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{4}{3}, \quad z = -\frac{4}{3}$$

Since solution is unique and max. exists,
it must occur at $(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, -\frac{4}{3}\right)$

$$\text{with max. value } f\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, -\frac{4}{3}\right) = \frac{4}{3}$$

eg Find the distance between

$$C: xy = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad L: x + 4y = \frac{15}{8}$$



Sol Let $f(x, y, u, v) = \|(x, y) - (u, v)\|^2$
 $= (x - u)^2 + (y - v)^2$

To find distance:

Minimize $f(x, y, u, v)$ under constraints

$$g_1(x, y, u, v) = xy = 1$$

$$g_2(x, y, u, v) = u + 4v = \frac{15}{8}$$

$$\nabla f = [2(x-u) \quad 2(y-v) \quad -2(x-u) \quad -2(y-v)]$$

$$\nabla g_1 = [y \quad x \quad 0 \quad 0]$$

$$\nabla g_2 = [0 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 4]$$

$\nabla g_1, \nabla g_2$ are lin. indept $\Leftrightarrow (x,y) \neq (0,0)$

But $xy=1 \Rightarrow \nabla g_1, \nabla g_2$ are lin. indept
on $g_1=1$ and $g_2=\frac{15}{8}$

Use Lagrange Multipliers

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla f = \lambda_1 \nabla g_1 + \lambda_2 \nabla g_2 \\ g_1 = 1 \\ g_2 = \frac{15}{8} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2(x-u) = \lambda_1 y \dots \textcircled{1} \\ 2(y-v) = \lambda_1 x \dots \textcircled{2} \\ -2(x-u) = \lambda_2 \dots \textcircled{3} \\ -2(y-v) = 4\lambda_2 \dots \textcircled{4} \\ xy = 1 \dots \textcircled{5} \\ u+4v = \frac{15}{8} \dots \textcircled{6} \end{array} \right.$$

Case 1 If $\lambda_1=0$ or $\lambda_2=0$, then

$$x=u, y=v$$

$$\textcircled{6} \Rightarrow x = \frac{15}{8} - 4y$$

$$\textcircled{5} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{15}{8} - 4y \right) y = 1$$

$$-4y^2 + \frac{15}{8}y - 1 = 0$$

No real solution

Case 2 If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \neq 0$, then

$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{x-u}{y-v} = \frac{y}{x} \Rightarrow x=4y$$

$$\textcircled{5} \Rightarrow 4y^2=1 \Rightarrow y = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore (x,y) = \left(2, \frac{1}{2} \right) \text{ or } \left(-2, -\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{If } (x, y) = \left(2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{2-u}{\frac{1}{2}-v} = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow 8-4u = \frac{1}{2}-v$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -4u + v = -\frac{15}{2} \\ u + 4v = \frac{15}{8} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow (u, v) = \left(\frac{15}{8}, 0\right)$$

$$\text{If } (x, y) = \left(-2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

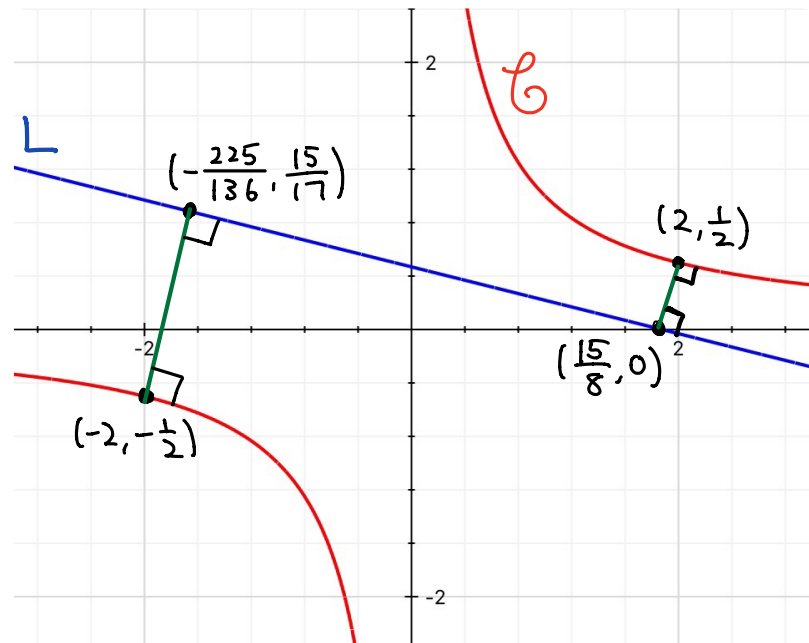
Similar calculation

$$\Rightarrow (u, v) = \left(-\frac{225}{136}, \frac{15}{17}\right)$$

Comparing the two solutions

f attains minimum at $(x, y, u, v) = \left(2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{15}{8}, 0\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Distance between } \mathcal{O} \text{ and } L &= \sqrt{f\left(2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{15}{8}, 0\right)} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{17}}{8} \end{aligned}$$



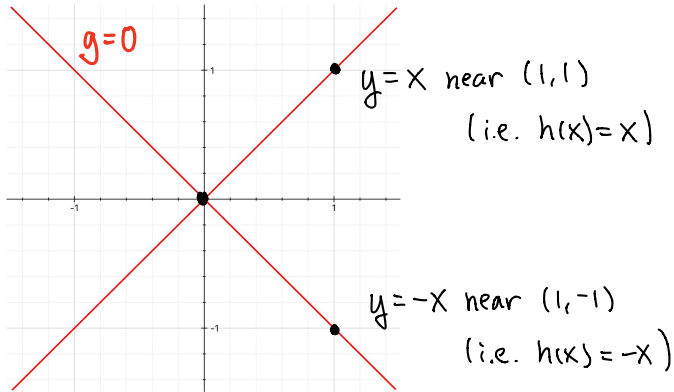
Implicit Function Theorem

Q When can we "solve" a constraint?

For example, if $g(x,y)=c$, can we find

$y=h(x)$ such that $g(x,h(x))=c$?

eg 1 Consider level set $g(x,y)=x^2-y^2=0$



Near $(0,0)$, $y=x$? $y=-x$? or $\pm|x|$?

y is not uniquely determined by x

eg 2 $S: x^2+y^2+z^2=2$ in \mathbb{R}^3

Q 3 variables, 1 equation $\Rightarrow S$ is 2-dim surface?

Solve for $z=h(x,y)$? $x=k(y,z)$?

We focus locally near $(0,1,1)$

If we can solve for z as a differentiable function

$z=z(x,y)$ near $(0,1,1)$,

by implicit differentiation on $x^2+y^2+z^2=2$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}: 2x + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}: 2y + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\text{At } (x,y,z)=(0,1,1) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 + 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \\ 2 + 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right] = [0, -1] \text{ at } (0,1,1)$$

How about x as a differentiable function

$X = X(y, z)$ near $(0, 1, 1)$?

If so, by implicit differentiation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} : 2x \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} + 2y = 0 \quad \text{coefficient of } \frac{\partial x}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} : 2x \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} + 2z = 0 \quad \text{is } \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\text{Put } (x, y, z) = (0, 1, 1) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 + 2 = 0 \\ 0 + 2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Contradiction!

$\therefore x$ is not a differentiable function
of y, z near $(0, 1, 1)$

Reason For $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$

If $y, z > 1$ a little bit, no solution for x

If $y, z < 1$ a little bit, 2 solutions for x

$$\text{Let } g(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

Difference in the two cases :

$$\text{At } (0, 1, 1) \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} = 2z \neq 0$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 2x = 0$$

In general, given constraint $F(x, y, z) = c$

If $z = z(x, y)$, then by implicit differentiation,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} : \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} : \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} (*)$$

If $F(\vec{a}) = c$, $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(\vec{a}) \neq 0$, then $(*)$ has solution

$\therefore z = z(x, y)$ may exist and
(No contradiction)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = - \frac{1}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(\vec{a})} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(\vec{a}) & \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(\vec{a}) \end{bmatrix}$$

eg 3 (Multiple Constraints)

$$\mathcal{C} \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2 & 3 \text{ variables} \\ x + z = 1 & 2 \text{ equations} \end{cases}$$

Q \mathcal{C} is 1-dim curve? $y = y(x)$? $z = z(x)$?

If we can solve for y, z as differentiable functions $y(x), z(x)$

Implicit Differentiation $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} + 2z \frac{dz}{dx} = 0 \\ 1 + \frac{dz}{dx} = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2y & 2z \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dz}{dx} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If this linear system has a solution, then $y = y(x), z = z(x)$ may exist.

For instance, if $(x, y, z) = (0, 1, 1)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dz}{dx} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dz}{dx} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In general, given $F_1(x, y, z) = C_1$
 $F_2(x, y, z) = C_2$

Suppose $F_i(a, b, c) = C_i, i = 1, 2$.

Do there exist differentiable functions

$y = y(x), z = z(x)$ near (a, b, c) such that

$$\begin{cases} F_1(x, y(x), z(x)) = C_1 \\ F_2(x, y(x), z(x)) = C_2 \end{cases} \quad ?$$

If so, by implicit differentiation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dx} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dx} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dz}{dx} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} \\ -\frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}$$

If $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y}(\vec{a}) & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z}(\vec{a}) \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y}(\vec{a}) & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z}(\vec{a}) \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$ exists at $\vec{a} = (a, b, c)$

then $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx}(a) \\ \frac{dz}{dx}(a) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y}(\vec{a}) & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z}(\vec{a}) \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y}(\vec{a}) & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z}(\vec{a}) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x}(\vec{a}) \\ -\frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x}(\vec{a}) \end{bmatrix}$

Generally,

given $n+k$ variables

k equations

$$\begin{cases} F_1(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_k) = C_1 \\ \vdots \\ F_k(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_k) = C_k \end{cases}$$

When can y_1, \dots, y_k be expressed as functions of x_1, \dots, x_n locally?

Implicit Function Theorem